

# SUMTER LITTLE THEATRE

SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA



## BELLS ARE RINGING



Directed by Shirley Housen

May 5-8, 1971

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## CAST

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Announcer .....	Mike Zenner	Jeff Moss .....	John Charping
Sue .....	Dottie Burt	Larry Hastings .....	Bill Dendy
Gwynn .....	Kaye Shirey	Dr. Kitchell .....	Chris Jebeles
Ella Peterson .....	Bonnie Hochberg	Blake Barton .....	David Sohn
Carl .....	Edd Garron	Olga .....	Carmell Cheek
Inspector Barnes .....	George Ammon	Man from Corvello Mob ..	Bill Dendy
Francis .....	Jay Hadley	Paul Arnold .....	Mike Zenner
Sandor .....	Gray Adams	Michelle .....	Lynn Jebeles

## SINGERS and

## DANCERS

Louis Friedman	Arnie Madrachimov	Delores Scoville	Anne Garrard
Beaty Reynolds	Brenda Johnson	Lynne Jebeles	Kaye Shirey
Stan Romanstine	Carmel Cheek	Lynne Eldridge	Glenda Patterson
Tom Watson	Mike Zenner	Katharine Eaddy	Anne Wilson
Harvey Watson	Chris Jebeles	Libby Adams	

## PRODUCTION STAFF

Director .....	Shirley N. Housen	Costumes .....	Barbara Cerra
Asst. Director .....	Ginny Hickey	Set Design .....	Ray Davenport
Music Director .....	Bill Scobee	Prompter .....	Lee Craig
Choreographer .....	Edd Garron	Properties ..	Betty Potter-Elsie Cox
Producer .....	Linda Wissner	Advertisements .....	Shirley Housen
Set Construction .....	Jim Burdick, Chairman, Blaine Leonard, Carl Hickey, John Potter, Leo Carter, Bernie Friedman, Ed Damron, Walter Sharpe & C. Patterson		
Special Prop Construction .....			Don Cerra & Martin Kim
Organist .....			Sarah Floyd
Lights .....	Lloyd Isman, Designer; Raymond Eissler, Chairman; David Allgood, Ronnie Powers, Ed Booth		
House Manager and Sound Effects .....			John Hoar
Stage Manager .....			Erica Morgan-Asst. Pete Kangas
Publicity & Posters .....	Mary Louise Quincy, Chairman		Jimmy Milling
	Margaret McKeown, Andrena Ray, Harold Quinn, Tom Prewett, Alice Garrard, Beaty Reynolds, Louis Friedman, Lois & Tom Kronberg		
Box Office .....			Hunter Quinn, Chairman
	Laura Ayers, Katherine Baker, Evelyn Butsar, Juanita Byrd, Maisie Burns, Marjorie Cooper, Anna Maria Davis, Florence Felsott, Carolyn Ferguson, Mary Ellen Gay, Mary Ann Gregoire, Miriam Gaddy, Beth Henderson, Gladys Jones, Mary Martin, Sarah Louis Manning, Priscilla Perez, Harold Quinn, Andrena Ray, Caleen Watts, Marge Sampson, Nancy Timmerman, Lily Weill, Linda Wissner, Margaret Cuttino, Sarah Dawson, Mary Spears, Joanne Murray, Mary Lowry, Libby Adams		
Make-Up .....			Loretta Ardis, Chairman
	Nancy Timmerman, Carmel Cheek, Katharine Eaves, Betty Carter		
Ushers .....			Grady Locklear, Chairman
Lobby Display .....			Carole Lita Harvin
Programs .....			Shirley Housen & Ray Davenport
Violinist .....			Harriett Moses

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## **"BELLS ARE RINGING"**

### **Synopsis of Scenes & Musical Numbers Act One**

#### **Overture**

#### **Opening: Announcer and Singers**

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#### **Scene 1: Office of Susanswerphone - Late Afternoon**

"It's A Perfect Relationship" - Ella

"Perfect Relationship Waltz" - Ella & Boys

#### **Scene 2: Jeff Moss' Living Room**

"Independent" - Jeff & Ensemble

"You've Got To Do It" - Jeff

#### **Scene 3: An Alley at Night**

"It's A Simple Little System" - Sandor & Ensemble

#### **Scene 4: The Office - Early Morning**

#### **Scene 5: A Street in Front of Office**

"Is It A Crime?" - Ella

#### **Scene 6: Jeff Moss' Living Room**

"It's Better Than A Dream" - Ella & Jeff

#### **Scene 7: A Street**

10 MINUTE INTERMISSION

#### **Scene 8: A Subway Car**

"Hello, Hello There" - Jeff, Ella & Ensemble

#### **Scene 9: A Street**

"I Met A Girl" - Jeff & Ensemble

#### **Scene 10: Dr. Kitchell's Office**

#### **Scene 11: A Street**

#### **Scene 12: Drug Store**

#### **Scene 13: A Street**

#### **Scene 14: The Office - A Week Later**

#### **Scene 15: Jeff Moss' Living Room**

"Long Before I Knew You" - Ella & Jeff

END OF ACT ONE - 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

### **Act Two**

#### **Scene 1: The Office - The Next Night**

"Mu-Cha-Cha" - Ella & Carl & Ensemble

Dance - Ella & Carl

#### **Scene 2: The Park**

"Just in Time" - Jeff, Ella & Ensemble

#### **Scene 3: Larry Hastings' Penthouse**

"Drop That Name" - Ella & Ensemble

"The Party's Over" - Ella

#### **Scene 4: The "Crying Gypsy" Cafe**

"Salzburg" - Sue & Sandor

#### **Scene 5: The "Pyramid" Night Club**

"The Midas Touch" - Boys & Girls

#### **Scene 6: Bay Ridge Subway Platform**

"Long Before I Knew You" (Reprise) - Jeff

#### **Scene 7: The Office**

"I'm Going Back" - Ella

Finale - Entire Cast

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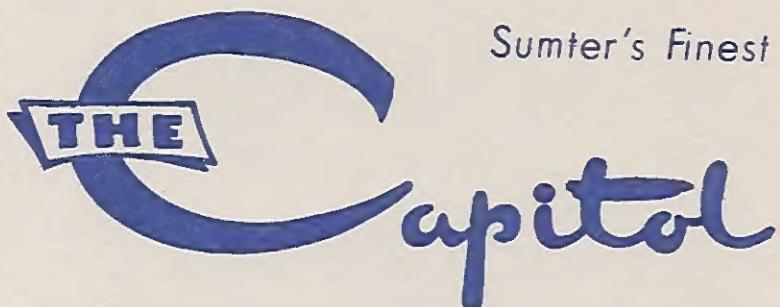
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## A LINE OR TWO ABOUT THE CREW

- \* **SHIRLEY HOUSEN, Director...** Manning born, moved to Sumter age 8. Pres, Temple Sinai Sisterhood. Choir Director. Married 28 years to Bernie. Daughter Rebecca, 23, Son Harry, 20. Directed "Barefoot in Park" & "Odd Couple". Acted since 1963. Mother in "Come Blow Your Horn" & "All My Sons." Majored in voice & piano in college. Non-voting member of the Little Theatre board.
- \* **EDD GARRON, Choreographer and Carl...** Originally from Vermont. Worked on every Little Theater production this season. Played King Philip in "Lion In Winter". Former president of Shaw AFB Players. Served as director & producer in first two productions. Edd left Shaw April 9. After "Bells", he plans to tour Europe and return to graduate school in the fall.
- \* **LYNNE ELDRIDGE, Singer...** Born in Iowa. Daughter of Betty Potter. Worked with props for "Diary Of Ann Franke" & played Nancy in "Oliver". She has two children, Christopher 4 and Paul 1. Husband in USAF. Was "Voice of Democracy Winner" in Sumter County, 1961 & 1962.
- \* **KATHARINE EADDY, Singer...** Born and raised in Manning, S.C. Graduated Winthrop College, B.S. in Education. Teaches 6th grade at Willow Drive. Plans to work on Masters in summer. First Little Theater experience.
- \* **GRAY ADAMS, Sandor...** Began acting at age 6. During WWII was MC with U.S. Army Spcl Services. In 1948, at UNC he won the coveted George Bernard Shaw Dramatic Award. Played summer stock and in Sumter played Velasco in "Barefoot in The Park". Talented Artist.
- \* **LIBBY ADAMS, Singer...** Married to Gray. Hobby is music, having sung in church choirs and musical productions at Winthrop College and Clemson. Enjoys doing minor roles on stage and working backstage. Appeared in "Oliver" and "Lil Abner".
- \* **GINNY HICKEY, Asst. Director...** Shaw AFB wife. Married to Carl. 2 children. First appearance in Sumter Little Theater. Corey in "Barefoot in The Park", Stage Manager for "Odd Couple". Part in "Desk Set". Active in Shaw Activities.
- \* **ANNE WILSON, Dancer...** 1970 graduate of Edmunds High. Elected "Wittiest Girl, Class of '70". Hobby is collecting antiques. Planning Air line Career.
- \* **JIM BURDICK, Set Construction...** Sumter native, Pisgah community. 29 years AF service. Retired. One son 9 years old. Operates Atlo Module Homes. Done much construction work. First Little Theater work.
- \* **DON CERRA...** Don does everything. Made switchboard and Phone Booth. Fixed closed circuit T.V. for backstage. Married to Barbara. 1 son, Clark, 1 year old. Played "Felix" in "Odd Couple" Directed "Come Blow Your Horn".
- \* **MARY L. QUINCY, Publicity...** One of original starters of Sumter Little Theater. Has actively participated in all phases of Little Theater work. Originated "Backstage" column. Talented Artist and Writer.
- \* **ANNE GARRARD, Dancer...** Born Beaufort, S.C. Lived in Sumter since age 5. Anne is 17 yrs. old, attends Sumter High.
- \* **ERICA MORGAN, Stage Manager...** Teen Club Director, Sumter Pks & Rec. "TAC Shack" Active in theatre 8 years as actress, stage mgr. & director. Directed "Bells Are Ringing" in Turkey. A newcomer to Sumter. Home, Phoenix, Ariz.
- \* **PETE KANGAS, Asst. Director...** From Baltimore, Md. In AF 3 yrs. Staff Sgt. Illustrator, Art teacher in civilian life. Has done summer stock. Played Jeff in "Bells" while in Turkey.
- \* **BARBARA CERRA, Wardrobe...** Many yrs. active in Sumter Little Theater. Worked backstage for more plays than can be mentioned. Played female lead in "All My Sons". Prompted and acted in "Odd Couple". Co-parent of Clarke.



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\* **GEORGE AMMON, Inspector...** Born Feb. 1915. Mother present for occasion. Entered Army 1940, also married Elouise, sired 5 children. Retired from service 1968. Credit Manager and Salesman for Maxwell Furn. Co. Sung in choruses, quartets and choirs since age 17. Played Cop in "Odd Couple" Member of St. Anne's Catholic Church. Hobbies are golf and gardening.

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- \* **BRENDA JOHNSON**, Dancer & Singer... 18 yr. old senior of Sumter High School. Student Council member. Patron Manager of "Signature". Ad Manager "Cock's Quill". Plans to attend University of S.C.
- \* **DELORES SCOVILLE**, Singer... Native of Orangeburg, S.C. 5th grade teacher at Shaw Heights Elem. Active in College Dramatics. Ophelia in "Hamlet". Likes watching people, music, and astrology.
- \* **RAY DAVENPORT**, Set Design... N.Y. born Sumterite, Com'l Artist. Married to Lu with 3 children. Ex-Officio board member. Occasional bit player, but more than likely involved in set designing.
- \* **HARVEY WATSON**, Singer... Born in Oklahoma. Graduated Edmunds H.S. & USC. Sixth grade teacher at Willow Drive. Worked with Lyric Theater, USC Band, All College Band, Plays french horn and mellophone.
- \* **BETTY POTTER**, Props... From Iowa, but Shaw has been home since 1957. Active in Cub & Girl Scouts, Red Cross, MOD, etc. Daughter, Lynn Eldridge. Son, James. Worked in Little Theater since 1963. Played Sue in "All My Sons".
- \* **TOM WATSON**, Singer... Jacksonville, Fla.native. Unmarried. Teacher. Devout Episcopalian & staunch Republican! Chorister at St. Johns Cathedral, Jacksonville at age 9. B of Music in organ and church music, Greensboro College.
- \* **DOTTIE BURT**, Sue... Married to Julian who's stationed at Shaw. Daughter, Juli Ann, 5. From Tenn. Majored in music & home ec., Carson-Newman. Sang in choirs since 10, Sang Mother in "Amahl". Sang in "Oliver". Works at Shaw.
- \* **BILL DENDY**, Larry Hastings... Played part of undertaker in "Oliver". Feed store Man in "Inherit the Wind" and Abner's Friend in "Lil Abner". Presently serving on Sumter Little Theater board of Directors. Married to Kathi and has three children. Manager of Sumter Credit Bureau. Lived in Sumter 4½ yrs.
- \* **BONNIE HOCHBERG**, Ella... Born and raised in St. George, S.C. Married to Pete. One daughter, one dog, Irving, and one horse. Lived in Sumter 2 yrs. Plays Piano, Clarinet and Trombone. First attempt in Little Theater work.
- \* **JOHN CHARPING**, Jeff... Born in Anderson, S.C. Attended Carson - Newman College, B.A. in Psychology, Sociology. Plans to do social work. No theatrical experience. Presently in AF, out in July. Performs Folk Music. Married to Callie, one son, Brock. Deacon in Alice Drive Baptist Church.
- \* **KAYE SHIREY**, Gwynn... Born 1945 in Derbyshire, England. Married to Bill, one daughter, Andrea, age 7. Lived in Sumter since June 1970. Attends Art classes. Played Kate Keller in "Miracle Worker" which was 1st theatrical appearance.
- \* **WILLIAM SCOBEE**, Music Director... Hometown, Paris, Missouri. Graduated Univ. Missouri in 1962. B.A. in History. Teaches History at Bates JHS. Organist at First Presbyterian Church.
- \* **LORETTA ARDIS**, Makeup... A Sumter native whose hobby is gardening. A housewife with 2 children. Husband, Ralph. An avid camper. Worked with makeup on all plays in the new building.
- \* **CHRIS JEBELES**, Dr. Kitchell... Native of Birmingham, Ala. B.S. in Business. Alabama College. Stationed at Shaw, Leaves in June for Phillipines. Appeared as Mr. Anagnos in "Miracle Worker". Choir member of Holy Comforter Church.
- \* **LYNNE JEBELES**, Michelle... Wife of Chris. Graduated Univ. Montevallo in Alabama. B.M. in Education with emphasis on voice. Performed lead in "Marriage of Figaro". Teaches at Eastern Elem. School. Sings in Choir.
- \* **GLENDY PATTERSON**, Dancer... Born Sheffield, England. Studied Ballet. Met husband, Charles, in Rome Italy, arrived USA 1962. Children, Scott 7, Darren 5. In Sumter 3½ yrs. Has lived in 5 different states.

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\* ELSIE COX, Props... Hails from Hampton, Va. but Sumter-Shaw has been home for 16½ yrs. Married 27 years. Son William received Bronze Star in Vietnam. Hobbies: Volunteer work, crocheting, making artificial flowers. Props for "Send Me No Flowers" and "Odd Couple" MOD Chairman for 3 years at Shaw. Plus many other activities too numerous to mention.

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\* **LLOYD ISMAN, Lights...** Born and raised in N.Y.C. Sumter has been home since 1968. Education: B.A. C.W. Post College, M.S.W. Tulane Univ. School of Social Work. Employed as Psychiatric Social Worker at Mental Health Clinic. Designed and Directed lighting for "Odd Couple", "Lil Abner", "Lion In Winter", and "Miracle Worker".

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\* **MIKE ZENNER**, Paul Arnold... Born and raised St. Cloud, Minn. 1948. Been in USAF 2 years. Attended college 1 year. Little experience in theater work.

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\* **JAY HADLEY**, Francis... Hails from N.J. Stationed at Shaw. Has participated in six musicals. Plays guitar and sings. First show in Sumter Little Theater.

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